

Arrowsic Select Board

Minutes, January 25, 2022 (Amended per DK)

Present: Walter Briggs, DeeDee Jorgensen, Will Neilson, Brett Jensen, Sheila Spear, Phine Ewing, Karen Robbins, Karin Sadtler, Don Kornrumpf, Claire Enterline, Michele Gaillard, Mona Schlein, Steve Bonine

The meeting was called to order at 6.01 pm

The agenda was revised and approved unanimously.

Minutes of the meeting on January 11, 2021 were approved unanimously as amended.

Warrant #14 for \$14,944.30 was approved unanimously

Staff positions

DeeDee reported that it is possible the candidate for Tax Collector position may be available before 2023. Will reported that he was informed that someone else might be interested; he will follow up.

Proposed new members for Shellfish Conservation Committee

The Select Board approved the recommendation of Claire Enterline and Karin Sadtler to the Shellfish Conservation Committee. The Committee will review the ordinance concerning the appointment of alternate members.

Candidate for Treasurer position

Steve Bonine has agreed to stand for election to the position of Town Treasurer at the Town Meeting in June. In the meantime he will begin to get to know the scope of the work with Brett.

ABA Update - Don Kornrumpf

Make Ready – ABA is waiting follow up from CCI, CMP to our PAA draft agreements.

USDA Tilson contract approval - Finley advises that the USDA has ruled the Tilson contract would require legal review which will cause delay. Don outlined a number of options ABA is considering.

USDA budget change: ABA is planning to review its budget in January and is hoping to trade off the Little Barn estimate of \$95,300 against the Finley overrun of \$78,320 saving \$4,307 annually in interest or excess on construction and Pre app fees (Precision \$16,000 & legal \$7,592.50)

Warrant: ABA warrant #4 dated 12-13-21 for the \$7,628.40 CCI license fee remains open. As soon as the contract is agreed with CCI, ABA will ask for Select Board approval, which may require a special meeting.

Little Barn: A visit of the Little Barn is planned for February 7.

Finley: Will be asking re details on RFP for construction- so we can start process in Jan- backlog

Cash Flow: DMK will be updating this month.

Conservation Commission - Phine Ewing

ACC has been approached by the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership and the New England Environmental Finance Center to take part in developing a regional climate resilience plan by joining with surrounding towns: Georgetown, Woolwich, Westport Island and Bath. Believing this to be a good opportunity the ACC requests a letter of support from the Select Board. Phine will send this to the Board. It needs to be sent by February 15.

Range Lights property update – no new information

Any Other Business

- Ash Kahrl about editing the Town Report She will submit a budget proposal soon.
- Walter reported that no-one has stepped up to lead the development of a new Comprehensive Plan
- The issue of compensation for committees being divided amongst committee members when paid out by the Town Treasurer was discussed briefly. Will pointed out that the town has a policy of paying the committee chairperson because of their additional responsibilities and their liability to fulfill duties.
- Walter reported that the Planning Board is discussing the matter of short-term rentals, but there is no immediate proposal on the table.

Mail

- The Board approved the circulation in the town email of information on Maine's new State Property Tax Deferral Program

Meeting was adjourned at 7.06 pm.